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SUBJECT: BARBADIAN REQUEST FOR AIRPORT SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF:(A) 77 BRIDGETOWN 2941(B) 76 STATE 261638

1. INITIAL BARBADIAN REQUEST FOR GRANT AIRPORT SECURITY EQUIPMENT WAS CONTAINED IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JUNE 6, 1977 TO DEPT FROM BARBADIAN EMBASSY. THE NOTE REFERRED TO A DISCUSSION BETWEEN NEW FOREIGN MINISTER FORDE AND ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN IN THE DEPT OCTOBER 19, 1976 (REF B). DEPT RESPONSE WAS CONTAINED IN DIPNOTE OF AUGUST 22, 1977 TO WHICH THE BARBADIAN EMBASSY HAS MADE NO RESPONSE OF ANY KIND. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. IN OCTOBER 19 DISCUSSION WITH FORDE, SHLAUDEMAN REPEATED OFFER OF NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB) ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATION OF OCTOBER 6 CUBANA PLANE CRASH MADE OCTOBER 8, 1976. (76 STATE 250881 AND 76 BRIDGETOWN 1924). THE OFFER WAS ALSO MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN A LETTER TO FORDE (76 STATE 252299, AND 76

USUN 4551). GOB LATER INVITED THE US TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT, AND A U.S. TEAM TRAVELLED TO BRIDGETOWN FOR THE FORMAL HEARINGS.

- 3. EARLIER AND SUBSEQUENT OFFERS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCF IN AIRPORT SECURITY WERE LIMITED TO THE OFFER OF A VISIT BY F.A.A. SECURITY SURVEY TEAM (76 STATE 212490, 76 BRIDGETOWN 1705, AND 76 STATE 313995) AND OFFER OF A SLOT AT AN F.A.A. SECURITY TRAINING COURSE (76 STATE 266432). A BARBADIAN NATIONAL (S.SPRINGER) ATTENDED THE SECURITY TRAINING COURSE JUNE 1-10, 1977, IN OKLAHOMA CITY (77 STATE 110855).
- 4. GOB NOTE OF JUNE 6 INDICATED THAT GOB HAD CHOSEN TO INTERPRET SHLAUDEMAN'S OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS OFFER OF GRANT SECURITY EQUIPMENT AT NO COST. SHORTLY AFTER NOTE WAS RECEIVED, BARBADOS DESK OFFICER TELEPHONED BARBADIAN CHARGE MARVILLE TO REVIEW LIMITS OF SHLAUDEMAN'S OFFER. HE ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT FREE SECURITY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE AVAILABLE, BUT EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT EXPLICIT LEGAL PROHIBITION AGAINST A.I.D. FINANCED SECURITY OR POLICE TRAINING.
- 5. EXTENSIVE CHECKS WITH F.A.A., L.E.A.A., AND OTHER AGENCIES, BY DEPT REVEALED THAT NO U.S. AGENCY OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICE IS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR EQUIPMENT SOUGHT BY GOB. THIS FINDING WAS CONVEYED TO GOB IN AUGUST 22 DEPT DIPNOTE WHICH REVIEWED SHLAUDEMAN'S OFFER, INDICATED THAT U.S. EXPERTS HAD PARTICIPATED IN FORMAL INVESTIGATION, STATED THAT A BARBADIAN HAD RECEIVED F.A.A. SECURITY TRAINING, EXPRESSED REGRET THAT USG COULD LOCATE NO SOURCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT, AND ATTACHED A LISTING OF COMMERCIAL SUPPLIERS FOR AIRPORT SECURITY EQUIPMENT.

- 6. A FURTHER RECENT RECANVASS OF USG AGENCIES (FAA, LEAA, AID) FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN MEETING GOB REQUESTS FOR EQUIPMENT WAS ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL.
- 7. IN THE U.S., PASSENGER SCREENING COSTS ARE BORN BY INDIVIDUAL AIRLINES. GENERAL AIRPORT SECURITY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL AIRPORT MANAGEMENT, WHICH RECOVERS ITS SECURITY COSTS FROM AIRPORT LANDING AND USER FEES. GOB MAY WISH TO CONSIDER RAISING ITS LANDING AND USER FEES TO COVER COSTS OF THE DESIRED SECURITY EQUIPMENT.

8. EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW ON FOREGOING IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB ON THE SUBJECT, STRESSING THAT RESTRICTION ON A.I.D. FUNDING OF SECURITY ACTIVITIES IS STRICT

BLANKET LEGISLATIVE PROHIBITION, AND NOT A PROBLEM OF A "PER CAPITA INCOME CRITERION." USG IS AND WILL BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE AT ALL LEVELS WITHIN OUR LEGAL AND BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS.

9. TEXTS OF NOTES OF JUNE 9 AND AUGUST 22 FOLLOW:

10. JUNE 6, I977

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(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) ... AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THAT THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BARBADOS HAS REFERRED TO HIS DISCUSSIONS LATE LAST YEAR WITH OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE BILATERAL AID TO BARBADOS FOR SOME TIME. AT THAT POINT IN TIME IT HAD BEEN INDICATED THAT SOME BILATERAL ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION WITH AIRPORT SECURITY.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE MINISTER'S VISIT, THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS HAVE COMPILED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD PROVE PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL TO THE RUNNING OF THE GRANTLEY ADAMS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE LIST WHICH IS SET OUT IN ORDER OF PRIORITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) PATROL DUTY

TWO (2) FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE PATROL VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH INTERNALLY OPERATED SPOTLIGHT, TWO-WAY UHF RADIOS AND A SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS.

- (II) COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ONE (I) UHF BASE STATION ONE(I) DOZEN UHF WALKIE TALKIES
- (III) ELECTRONIC ALARMS FOR TECHNICAL SECTION INTRUDER ALARMS FOR -
- (A) VOR/DME SITES
- (B) ILS LOCALIZER, GLIDE PATH, MIDDLE MARKER
- (C) FIELD POWER STATION
- (D) INFRA RED ALARMS FOR ENTRANCE TO CONTROL TOWER BUILDING.

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(IV) CLOSED CIRCUIT T.V. CLOSED CIRCUIT T.V. MONITOR FOR THE CORRIDOR AT THE BASE OF THE CONTROL CAB.

(V) COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
A PAGING SYSTEM COMPATIBLE WITH LOCAL TELEPHONE
SERVICE (FOR ISLAND WIDE COVERAGE).

THE EMBASSY OF BARBADOS HOPES THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO EFFECT THE TRANSFER OF AID IN THE FORM OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

11. AUGUST 22, 977

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO THE NOTE NO. IADB/4.3 OF JUNE 6, 1977, FROM THE EMBASSY OF BARBADOS WHICH REFERENCED A DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON OCTOBER 19, 1976.

THE THEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MR. HARRY SHLAUDEMAN, CONFIRMED AN EARLIER OFFER MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS IN BRIDGETOWN TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CRASH OF THE CUBANA AIRCRAFT OFF BARBADOS ON OCTOBER 6, 1976. SUBSEQUENTLY, UNITED STATES EXPERTS PARTICIPATED IN THE FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS.

A BARBADIAN NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS RECENTLY COMPLETED A CONCENTRATED COURSE IN AIRPORT SECURITY UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.
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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGRETS THE INABILITY OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (A.I.D.) TO PROVIDE THE SECURITY EQUIPMENT LISTED IN THE REFERENCED NOTE OF JUNE 6. A.I.D. HAS BEEN PRECLUDED BY LAW FROM PROVIDING EITHER EQUIPMENT OR TRAINING FOR POLICE OR SECURITY FORCES.

AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH WAS MADE TO LOCATE OTHER SOURCES OF THE SECURITY EQUIPMENT LISTED IN THE REFERENCED NOTE. WHILE NO SOURCE OF GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THESE ITEMS COULD BE LOCATED, A COMPLETE CATALOG OF COMMERCIAL SUPPLIERS OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE DEVICES WAS LOCATED AND IS FORWARDED AS AN ENCLOSURE TO THIS NOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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